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In re Application of  
Thomas Joseph Abell  
Application No. 10/804,904  
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DECISION ON  
PETITION

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 27, 2006.

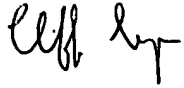
The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee as required by the Notice of Allowance mailed on August 19, 2005. This notice set a statutory period for reply of three months. No issue fee having been received, the above-identified application became abandoned on November 20, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 12, 2006.

With the instant petition, petitioner paid the petition fee together with the issue and publication fees, and made the proper statement of unintentional delay.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publications for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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